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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON DRAFT OF EXPORT POLICY FROM
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HATHAWAY

1. REGRET DELAY IN COMMENTING ON DRAFT OF EXPORT POLICY
BUT I ONLY RECEIVED THIS MORNING.
2. MY GENERAL COMMENT IS THAT ENTIRE REPORT TOTALLY
IGNORES THE OUTSTANDING EXPORT PERFORMANCE IN AGRICULTURE
AND THUS IMPLIES IT WILL CONTINUE IN THE ABSENCE OF
POSITIVE MEASURES.
3. SPECIFICALLY I STRONGLY URGE ADDING FOLLOWING
INTRODUCTORY PARA TO SECTION 6. BEGIN QUOTE: THE
AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE CCC CREDIT ON TERMS UP TO
THREE YEARS, WHICH ARE A FULLY SANCTIONED PRACTICE,
IS A FACTOR IN MAINTAINING OUR POSITION IN KEY MARKETS
FOR SEVERAL MAJOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING
GRAINS, COTTON, AND SOYBEANS. THE MAINTENANCE OF
HIGH LEVELS OF THIS LONG-STANDING CCC CREDIT IS
STRONGLY URGED. IT HAS NO LONG-TERM NET BUDGET OUTLAY

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END QUOTE. CURRENT PARA 6 WOULD THEN BEGIN "IN
ADDITION".

4. IN SECTION 8 A SIMILAR PARA SHOULD BE ADDED
REGARDING CCC CREDIT. CURRENT PRESSURES IN THIS REGARD
THREATEN THE REAL VALUE OF THE PROGRAM.

5. IN SECTION 12 I WOULD STRONGLY URGE ADDING "IN
ADDITION FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE PERSONNEL SHOULD
BE ALLOWED TO BE MAINTAINED AT CURRENT LEVELS UNDER THE
MODE CONTROL SYSTEM.

6. FINALLY THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THE
CONGRESS WILL PASS LEGISLATION THIS SESSION INCLUDING
THE AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NOW MENTIONED IN
THE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS. GIVEN THE STRONG SUPPORT
FOR THE LEGISLATION HE SHOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF AGAINST
IT IN THE PROCESS OF NOT APPROVING ADDITIONAL RECOMMEN-
DATIONS.

7. I HAVE DISCUSSED THESE WITH JULES KATZ AND HE CONCURS
IN ALL MY RECOMMENDATIONS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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